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AGENDA

November 18, 2004
8:30 AM
Office of the State Fire Marshal
1035 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

Meeting called to order by David Butt, Chairman

Acceptance of minutes from last meeting (09/16/2004)

Recognition of LEPC members and visitors

Old Business

Revisit Fire and Explosion at Formosa Plastics plant, April 23, 2004
Other

New Business

Local Planning Initiatives
Upcoming Exercises
Notifications, incidents and other filings since last meeting
Other

Next meeting: January 20, 2005

Motion to adjourn

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MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON COUNTY LEPC MEETING - SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. at the Office of the State Fire Marshal, 1035 Stevenson Drive by David Butt, Chairman. Members present were: John Brennan, Memorial Medical Center; David Butt, Sangamon County Office of Emergency Management; Ray Cooke, Springfield Department of Public Health; Tom Fraase, Sangamon County Board; Glen Gardner, Midwest Family Broadcasting; Matt Helms, Springfield Fire Department (Retired); Bryon Honea, Illiopolis Police Chief; Mike Moos, Sherman ESDA; Bill Russell, Sangamon County Rescue Squad; Anu Singh, Dominion Energy; Kim Spann, Sangamon County Health Department; Lisa Stelzer, American Red Cross and Linda Swartz, Sangamon County Health Department.

The Chair recognized Linda Swartz and Lisa Stelzer as new members of the LEPC. Jim Sullivan of Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) was recognized as a visitor.

A motion was made by Mike Moos, seconded by Anu Singh, to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting, with a correction in the spelling of Marshal.

The Sangamon County ESDA was awarded a plaque and a check for \$1,535.00 from Formosa Plastics for the response of its volunteers during the plant's chemical explosion. These funds will be used to purchase a 4-gas meter for the Sangamon County Rescue Squad. The Chair said that Kevin Switzer had identified the shortage of such equipment during the hazmat response at Formosa.

John Brennan reported that he and Brian Churchill have responded to this shortage by having their hospitals work together to purchase such a gas meter to put on permanent loan to the Springfield Fire Department. Many of their actions in this IDPH region are done with redundancy so that if a resource is deployed regionally, a backup remains in Springfield for the concentrated population that we have here. They consider many EMS resources as community resources.

The Sangamon County Board passed an enterprise zone resolution this week to join the Formosa site with an existing enterprise zone to help encourage rebuilding of the plant. A discussion was held regarding the upgrading and maintenance of the Illiopolis potable water supply (wells). Formosa no longer manages the village's water. Since the last LEPC meeting, some of the vinyl chloride in storage at the plant has been moved to other Formosa facilities. Bryon believes that shipments will resume soon.

Mike Moos made a recommendation to consider holding a best practices meeting, perhaps with the newly formed Sangamon County Fire Chiefs Association. In light of the concerns that the LEPC has limited authority to review the events and response activities concerning the Formosa explosion, it was recommended the chiefs association be asked to hold this discussion.

Old Business

A discussion was held concerning the activation of the disaster communication system. It was mentioned that the EAS was never activated during the event at Illiopolis. The National Weather Service (NWS) has stepped forward to offer help. Chris Miller, NWS, is comfortable with allowing the county emergency managers he works with to notify NWS when activation is needed. The Chair mentioned the new E-Spotter System which NWS is piloting as a possible means for doing this.

New Business

The Chair reviewed the events of the most recent fiscal year. Looking at the future, meeting dates will be the 3rd Thursday of the month, which are: November 18, 2004; January 20, 2005; March 17, 2005; May 19, 2005; July 21, 2005; September 15, 2005.

A discussion was held on the federal LEPC grant application to gain information on regulated facilities. An application was delivered on August 30, 2004.

The Chair recognized Glen Gardner for his efforts on the 22nd Cruise for Charity. The Sangamon County Rescue Squad has participated in it for all 22 years. It is estimated that perhaps a half million dollars has been raised for community improvement.

The County Board has decided to renovate the county property on North 5th Street to move the county's EOC.

It was mentioned that the annual IEMA conference was held earlier this month and the Chair has asked to allow grant funds for future conference fees.

Jim Sullivan reported a downstate database was created and they hope that by October 30, membership letters will be ready to go out.

A motion was made by Bryon Honea, seconded by Mike Moos to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.